

# 2012 HUNTING INCIDENTS

## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

No.	County	Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty Type	Self-Inflicted	Equipment	Shooter Age(s)	Victim Age(s)	Shooter Violation	Victim Violation	Major Factor
1	SAGINAW	01/15/2012	Rabbit	Non-fatal	No	Shotgun	42	32	no	no	Victim not in sight Victim and shooter hunting rabbits. Shooter jumped a rabbit and took a shot just as victim came into view from around the corner of a barn. Several pellets penetrated victim's skin.
2	CLINTON	01/16/2012	Rabbit	Non-fatal	No	Shotgun	62	54	No	No	Victim not in sight- dense cover Subjects rabbit hunting when Victim flushed a rabbit, shot and missed. Rabbit circled and Victim's hunting partner shot at rabbit. Victim was aproximately 30 yards away and not visible through dense cover. Victim was sprayed by pellets that penetrated the skin.
3	IOSCO	01/31/2012	Squirrel	Non-fatal	Yes	rifle	22	n/a	no	n/a	careless handling of a firearm Victim was staring up into tree for a squirrel when he slipped and fell. He had already taken the safety off and when he fell he discharged a round into his foot.
4	GENESSEE	02/19/2012	Predator	Non-fatal	Yes	Rifle	42	n/a	No	No	Careless handling of a firearm; hauling firearm into tree 'barrel up' Subject tied haul line through the trigger guard, when slack was removed it caused semi-automatic firearm to discharge multile times striking subject once in each thigh (total of two rounds striking subject).
5	CLARE	02/26/2012	Rabbit	Non-fatal	Yes	Pistol	34	n/a	No	n/a	Careless handling of firearm Subject rabbit hunting. Pistol discharged while subject was attempting to place it into his holster, striking subject in the leg.
6	LIVINGSTON	09/19/2012	Squirrel	Non-fatal	No	rifle	6	32	Yes	Yes	Careless handling of a firearm Victim took 6 year old son squirrel hunting. After hunt, victim advised son to unload rifle and at the same time turned his back to his son. The firearm discharged, striking the father in the right calf and shattered his tibia. Victim was not licensed as necessary to be a mentor.
7	ST CLAIR	09/20/2012	Coyote	Fatal	No	rifle	24	17	No	No	Shooter failed to properly identify target Shooter was coyote hunting and watched what he believed was a racoon 181 yards away at the base of a tree. Shooter took one shot and struck the victim in the head.
8	LENAWEE	09/23/2012	Deer	Non-fatal	No	Shotgun	13	27	Yes	No	Shooter failed to identify target

Unlicensed shooter without hunter education or appropriate supervision heard sound in brush and saw a flash of brown, fired and struck the victim in the abdomen with a 20ga slug.

9	CHEBOYGAN	09/23/2012	Bear	Non-fatal	No	Shotgun	14	39	Yes	No	Careless discharge of a firearm Shooter standing on road waiting for a bear to cross. When bear crossed, shooter discharged a shot down the road, which ricoched and struck another party in her group that was standing just off the edge of the road. Neither party was wearing hunter orange.
10	LAPEER	10/06/2012	Waterfowl	Non-fatal	No	Shotgun	23	65/59/42	No	No	Victims not in sight Shooter lost track of location of hunting partners as they were suppose to leave area. Shooter fired at a duck and struck all three victims with fine shot, requiring medical attention.
11	NEWAYGO	11/15/2012	Deer	Non-fatal	No	rifle	64	15	No	No	Careless handling of a firearm Shooter and victim sitting in stand together. Shooter rested firearm in his lap and put his hands in his pockets. Firearm began to slide down his leg. Shooter jerked his hands out of his pockets grabbing the rifle and discharging the rifle, striking the victim in the leg.
12	CLINTON	11/16/2012	Deer	Non-fatal	Yes	Handgun	67	n/a	No	n/a	Careless handling of firearm  Victim had shot at deer and discharged handgun a second time as he lowered it to his side.
13	GENESSEE	11/17/2012	Deer	Non-fatal	Yes	Shotgun	59	n/a	No	n/a	Careless handling of firearm Victim was climbing up tower into blind without harness or haul line. He notice his thumb was not where it was suppose to be and was not sure if the safety was on or off. Firearm discharged and resulting injuries included a hand amputation and stitches to his head.
14	ROSCOMMON	12/16/2012	Deer	Non-fatal	Yes	Muzzleloader	41	n/a	No	n/a	Firearm explosion  Victim was unloading muzzleloader by firing. The breach exploded and took the victims right hand off.
15	OCEANA	12/22/2012	Deer	Non-fatal	Yes	Muzzleloader	60	n/a	Yes	n/a	Careless handling of a firearm Shooter was attempting to unload his muzzleloader. After cocking hammer, shooter reached up to the muzzle to take a wooden plug (rain plug) out of the muzzle. His right hand was on the trigger and discharged the firearm, shooting his left index finger off.